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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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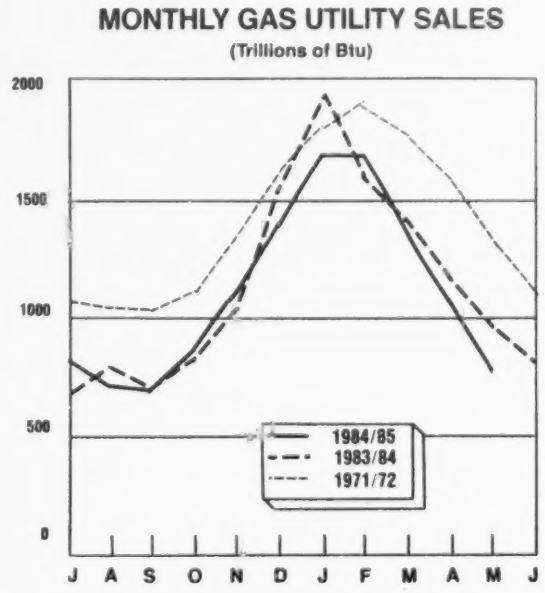
Residential, commercial, and industrial sales decreased in May of 1985 compared to last year. Total utility sales were down from 939.9 trillion Btu in May 1984 to 747.2 trillion Btu in May 1985.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

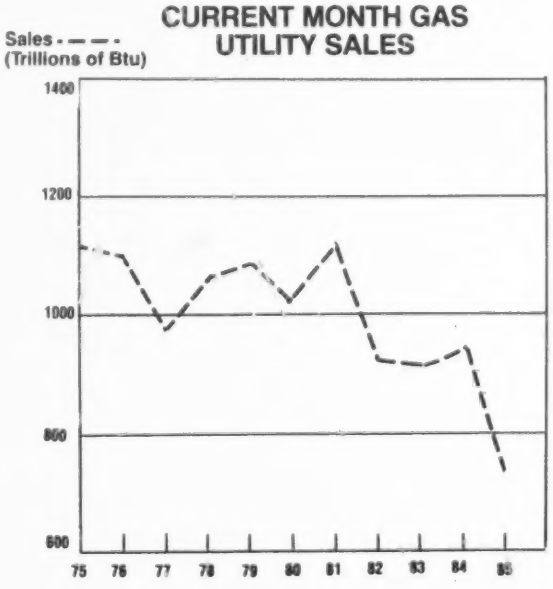
	May			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1985	1984	% Change[1]	1985	(% Change Last Period	1985 Forecast	1984[P]	% Change
Residential	216.8	280.4	- 22.7	2,764.0	- 5.1	4,518.8	4,612.1	- 2.0
Commercial	118.2	145.3	- 18.7	1,329.5	- 5.3	2,335.8	2,362.9	- 1.1
Industrial	412.6	503.7	- 18.1	2,585.9	- 3.2	6,238.1	6,323.3	- 1.3
Other	8.9	10.5	-	78.6	- 6.8	145.5	147.8	-
Total Sales	756.5	939.9	- 19.5	6,758.0	- 4.4	13,238.2	13,446.1	- 1.5
Transportation	154.3	106.9	+ 44.3	699.6	+ 66.1	N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	910.8	1046.8	- 13.0	7,457.6	- .4	N/A	N/A	
Degree Days*	123	183	- 32.8	2,907	- 2.8			

*Source: (NOAA - Weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for May is 156.)

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - MAY
(Thousands of Units)

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Domestic Range			
Gas	143.4	134.3	+ 6.8
Electric	260.5	263.2	- 1.0
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	61.2	60.7	+ 0.8
Electric	245.9	228.6	+ 7.6
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	115.2	118.4	- 2.7
Electric	34.4	32.5	+ 5.6
Oil	6.1	5.3	+ 15.6
Boilers			
Gas	9.2	10.4	- 11.0
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 25.7
Oil	5.6	4.5	+ 24.7

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - MAY

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	168.5	180.7	- 6.8
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	598.9	591.7	+ 1.2
Electricity	358.4	343.0	+ 4.5
Fuel Oil	627.0	659.9	- 5.0

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	58.5	72.7	- 19.5
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.34	6.13	+ 3.4
Commercial	5.57	5.57	- 0.0
Industrial	4.15	4.30	- 3.4
Total	5.00	5.05	- 1.0
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	154.3	106.9	+ 44.3
For Ultimate Consumers	39.2	42.1	- 6.9
For Resale	253.3	185.3	+ 36.7
Total	446.8	334.3	+ 33.7

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1978	Dec.	2.134	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Apr.P	5.081	5.850	5.486	4.339	4.841
	May P	5.073	5.851	5.483	4.328	4.820
	Jun.P	5.067	5.856	5.484	4.317	4.814
	Jul.P	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.P	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.P	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.P	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765
	Nov.P	5.051	5.862	5.486	4.293	4.747
	Dec.P	5.054	5.880	5.500	4.293	4.758
1985	Jan.P	5.057	5.915	5.517	4.285	4.746
	Feb.P	5.058	5.901	5.507	4.281	4.723
	Mar.P	5.058	5.918	5.513	4.275	4.693
	Apr.P	5.062	5.933	5.533	4.275	4.649
	May P	5.059	5.941	5.532	4.265	4.623

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AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1983	May	5.16	6.11	5.61	4.44
	Jun.	5.07	6.48	5.71	4.40
	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.P	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.P	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.P	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.P	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May P	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.P	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.P	4.78	6.86	5.68	4.19
	Aug.P	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.P	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.P	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30
	Nov.P	5.14	6.00	5.53	4.41
	Dec.P	5.23	5.82	5.61	4.35
1985	Jan.P	5.16	5.70	5.51	4.23
	Feb.P	5.08	5.57	5.34	4.20
	Mar.P	5.10	5.77	5.51	4.21
	Apr.P	5.12	5.90	5.67	4.30
	May P	5.00	6.34	5.57	4.15

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[2]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data with the remaining months of 1985 heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.